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JOHN W. MYERS.

John W. Myers was born in Virginia. When he was a small boy his parents moved to Indiana, where he grew to manhood. He was educated in the common schools and completed his education in a collegiate institution at Madison, Wisconsin. He engaged in teaching. In January, 1864, he enlisted in the Seventeenth Indiana Infantry. That regiment was what was known as mounted infantry; that is, infantry acting as cavalry. The Seventeenth was part of Wilders' Lightning Brigade. It earned this name by the celerity of its movements. It frequently came down upon the enemy when he least expected it, and struck like a thunderbolt. It lost heavily in killed and wounded in its battles and skirmishes. Mr. Myers served to the end of the war. After he was mustered out he again resumed teaching.

In the fall of 1873 he came to California. He arrived in Los Angeles, January 1, 1874. He tried farming for a time at Richland, now Orange, Orange county. He was not successful, and drifted back to his old profession, teaching. He secured a school at Elizabeth Lake, a stage station in the northern part of the country on the borders of Mojave desert. His district was about as large as the State of Rhode Island, with a population of about one person to a township.

He was instrumental in getting a postoffice established. He was also justice of the peace. After the completion of the railroad he moved to Newhall and taught the school there. His health failed and he sold his property at Elizabeth Lake and moved to Los Angeles, where he resided to his death, which occurred March 17, 1907.

He was twice married. His first wife died in Indiana. He married his second wife, who survives him, while at Elizabeth Lake. He left one child, a daughter, the widow of Louis Lyons a deceased pioneer.

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JESSE YARNELL.

Though known to many, Jesse Yarnell, who died in this city January 19, 1906, was best understood and most esteemed by those who had the privilege of close acquaintance. These appreciated his unswerving integrity. Wise and conscientious, he impartially considered every problem of general interest, and fearlessly stood for the right. In early environment, physique, character and conversation he was of the type so nobly portrayed in the great Lincoln. Yarnell was a product of the "Western Reserve," born Jan. 20,

1837, at Gratiot, Licking Co., Ohio. His father, Ellis Yarnell, was a lineal descendent of Oliver Cromwell, and among his forbears one was an assistant surveyor of the great Washington in Colonial days, receiving in payment lands about Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Jesse's mother, Hannah Taylor, was a relative of the hero of Buena Vista, President Zachary Taylor, and also of the gifted author and traveler, Bayard Taylor. Truly an illustrious ancestry.

Living on the home farm until eleven years old, Jesse left to become a printer, a craft he adorned by the reflection in his journalism of a pure and successful life.

The West (more than its Gold) lured him "across the Plains" to Placerville, California, an eventful journey in which while crossing the Rockies, a misstep caused him to slide (as estimated) three-fourths of a mile uninjured, down the vast frozen slope of snow.

Ere he emerged from these wilds he encountered a lone man whom he had never met, but proved to be he first cousin.

Jesse loved the open, was a boon in any camp, and in his home affection pervaded all. At Placerville he founded the Placerville Republican, Jan. 18, 1866 (having sold his business) he married Miss Susan Caystile, and accompanied by her father, brother and sisters, came to Los Angeles, where not only did he fully provide for all those, but also for the children born to him,—Ellis, Jessie, Katherine, Esther and Ramona (recently deceased), who reflect in their lives the example and tutelage of a vigilant father and a loving mother, now their tender care.

In 1867, Mr. Yarnell started the Los Angeles Republican, but soon disposed of his interest, and with his brother-in-law, Thos. Caystile, established the Mirror Printing and Binding House in Downey Block. Their little "Mirror" weekly preached truth and soberness, enlarging with the business and the town, until it was a large and welcome journal. About 1882 The Times-Mirror Company purchased the plant, Mr. Yarnell retiring to a life more in harmony with his inclinations and desire to develop his property.

He was one of Nature's noblemen. He has gone to his rest. We will no more meet him on life's devious path; but his example should be cherished and emulated as that of a modest Pioneer, adorned by the virtues that are the strength and glory of American citizenship.

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